Pattini Thodu.

140. *MR. E. K. MADHAVAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the fact that several cocoanut trees fallen or about to fall obstruct the passage of country craft through the Pattini Thodu in Parur taluk; if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: No.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Has the Chief Engineer made enquiries regarding the matter?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I understand it has been done. I phoned up this morning and ascertained that it has been done.

Waiting shed in the Vaikom Landing.

141. *MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the progress made in the construction of the waiting shed in the Vaikom Landing; and

(*b*) the time required for the completion of the same.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) All the piles required for the work have been moulded and arrangements made to drive them down.

(*b*) Till the end of this year.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR: May I know whether any accommodation has been made for the passengers during this monsoon?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: The piles have been made driven and we are waiting for some sheets for the roof.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR: Has any accommodation been made by putting up the temporary shed for the passengers who gather there during this monsoon period?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It was not done about a week ago.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR: May I know whether there was a shed which had been abolished for putting up this new shed?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: That is so. Report received on the 15th indicate that a temporary shed has been put up.

Bund and sluice of the Kulappattur Yela, Kizhattingal Pakuthi.

142. *MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

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(*a*) whether the estimate for restoring the bund and sluice of the Kulappattur Yela, Kizhattingal pakuthi, Chirayinkil taluk has been scrutinised and finally approved; and

(*b*) if so, whether arrangements have been made to commence the work?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) No,

(*b*) Does not arise in view of answer to part (*a*)

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know whether any investigation has been completed in regard to this work or whether any investigation on this work has been undertaken?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It has not been completed yet.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Even an investigation?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Chief Engineer order an investigation being made?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I have issued orders.

Kanjikonam chira in Manikal pakuthi.

143. ✻ **MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any representation to repair the Kanjikonam chira, in Manikal pakuthi, Nedumangad taluk, and if so, what action has been taken on that?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Yes; the preliminary investigations have been completed.

Management of the State Transport.

144. ✻ **MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the State Transport management has created the worst dissatisfaction and discontent in the country; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether Government have enquired into the causes thereof and taken steps to improve the department?

MR. E. G. SALTER (*Director of Transport*): (*a*) The answer is "no."

(*b*) Does not arise.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the honourable member kindly state whether he has got representations from the staff of the Department that their emoluments are unsatisfactory?

MR. E. G. SALTER: The question does not arise.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. The question was whether the Transport Department has created much discontent and dissatisfaction in the country. The payment to the staff of the Department which was increased about a week ago, has absolutely no relevance to that question.

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